

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 442 without my signature.

This bill provides that a notary public may reasonably rely on a matrícula consular issued by the government of the United States of Mexico as proper identification to prove the identity of an individual who executes a written instrument. While it is important that individuals be able to identify themselves for notarization purposes, the Civil Code already provides for more secure forms of identification than the matrícula consular—including Mexican driver's licenses and passports—to identify Mexican nationals, a fact which obviates the need for this legislation. Additionally, California notaries should not be required to accept a form of identification that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice continue to consider untrustworthy.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger